



## What is Arkansas Carry?

Arkansas Carry is fully incorporated non-profit company in the State of Arkansas. We are a staunch ally of gun owners and the Second Amendment. It is our mission to provide a peaceable community where Second Amendment issues can be discussed and researched for the purpose of influencing legislation, thus strengthening and restoring constitutionally protected rights to Arkansans. In addition, we will strive to provide information and resources which can be used to educate you, as well as others, on this fight for our basic human right, self defense.

Arkansas Carry was formed out of necessity in December of 2008. Although a few successful and established firearm groups already exist in Arkansas none of these groups have considered open carry a priority and none are truly active. As a result, we established a group dedicated to the expanding the right-to-carry in Arkansas.

In late 2011/early 2012 we will form a PAC (political action committee) to make our voice even louder and stronger with the Arkansas legislature. Check [www.ac-pac.org](http://www.ac-pac.org) for more details.



## Objectives

Our primary legislative objective is to see Arkansas law amended to allow for the lawful open carry of firearms throughout the state without a permit. While open carry is our primary objective we also support any legislation that expands our right-to-carry.

Here are the key issues Arkansas Carry will be fighting for in all legislative sessions until accomplished:

- Remove the ban on the open carry of handguns.
- Remove the ban on concealed carry in churches and allow churches to decide for themselves.
- Ability to possess firearms in employer parking lots.
- Remove the authority for public Universities to ban legally carried weapons in campus buildings.
- Remove authority for cities to ban concealed carry in municipal parks.
- Help for battered and abused persons to quickly obtain legal means of self-defense (i.e. emergency licenses).



## What You Can Do

Join us at [www.arkansascarry.com](http://www.arkansascarry.com). We rely on membership dues and donations fund our efforts and organization. No computer? You can fill out this application and mail it to us today! Offline memberships are mailed physical newsletters to stay up-to-date.

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**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Supporting Member - \$20/1yr
- B) Offline Member - \$25/yr
- C) Charter Member - \$120/5 yrs



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## Why Support Open Carry?

Why not? Both the Arkansas and United States Constitutions declare the right of the people to keep (own or possess) and bear (carry) firearms.

Openly carried handguns will be a more effective means of crime deterrence. The idea of a criminal not knowing who has a gun isn't working and people are still being victimized on a regular basis. Open carry is also more comfortable in Arkansas's hot, humid climate.

Arkansas law allows citizens to open carry a firearm while "on a journey," but the meaning of this vague law has never been completely defined in the courts. The passage of an open carry law would remove potential confusion and bring Arkansas Code into harmony with Constitutional law.



## Did You Know?

• In the U.S., only eight states and the District of Columbia prohibit open carry of a firearm: Arkansas, California, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, South Carolina, New York and Illinois.

• Many of our current state gun laws are carried over from a time when

they were meant only to keep firearms out of the hands of minorities.

• In 2009, Arkansas Carry worked with State Senator Mark Martin to introduce an open carry law in Arkansas, but many state lawmakers banded together to kill the bill.

• In May 2009, Arkansas Carry successfully pushed Sebastian County to repeal illegal gun laws which restricted the carrying of firearms at Ben Geren Park.

• In January 2011, Arkansas Carry worked with State Representative Denny Altes to introduce the Defensive Carry Restoration Act in conjunction with support from the NRA. That will was defeated in committee.

The issue is not whether you prefer to carry openly or concealed - or not at all. The issue is you should have the right to choose. The fight to restore your rights will not be won easily. After decades of being maligned, overlooked, and ignored, it is time for Arkansans who believe in firearms rights to make their voices heard!



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It is your right to defend your life. Now is the time for Arkansas lawmakers to recognize that right.

